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Monitoring of drinking water schemes in U.P.

5530. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any monitoring has been done in regard to the Centrally sponsored drinking water schemes in Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The monitoring of physical and financial progress of the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme is done through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from U.P. Jal Nigam and also during discussions in meetings convened with State Government and during visits of technical officers to the State.

(b) During 1991-92 (upto January, 1992), 2876 villages including 58 'No Source' problem villages have been provided safe drinking water facilities benefiting 5.89 lakh rural population including 1.81 lakh Scheduled Castes and 0.01 lakh Scheduled Tribes. The expenditure incurred during 1991-92 (upto December, 1991) was Rs. 28.88 crores including Rs. 62.48 lakh in Mini Mission Projects in Agra, Unnao, Sultanpur and Mirzapur Districts.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Bassein Vihar water supply scheme of Maharashtra

5531. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent Bassein Vihar Water supply scheme for approval by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have approved the said scheme; and

(d) if not, the time by which the scheme is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Neyveli Lignite Corporation

5532. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the shut down of Thermal Station-II of Neyveli Lignite Corporation in the year 1988-89;

(b) the total loss of revenue caused by this shut down; and

(c) the action taken against the officials involved in the forced shut down?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) On 09-01-1989, the running units 1 and 2 in thermal power station-II had tripped due to grid disturbance caused by Nagarjunasagar-Cuddappa 400 KV feeder tripping and consequent low grid frequency. Unit No. 3 was under shut down for modification works during the period. The total shut down of the TPS II was due to grid disturbance only.

(b) The loss of revenue due to above shut down works out to Rs. 21.03 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise since the shut down of the units and consequential total supply failure in the station was due to the low frequency caused by the grid disturbance which was beyond the control of NLC.

Urban Land Ceiling Act

5533. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the states which have demanded in the Urban Land Ceiling Act, 1976;

(b) the purpose for which such demand has been made; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). All the State Governments where the Act is being implemented, have requested to amend the Urban Land Ceiling Act to make it more effective and workable. On the basis of the suggestions received from the State Governments, this Ministry formulated appropriate proposals for making amendments in the Act. These proposals were discussed in the Chief' Ministers 'Conference held in New Delhi on 7.3.92, and are being modified as per the views expressed by various State Govts.

[*Translation*]

Indian Engineering Services, 1991

5534. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the interview letters were not issued in time to the candidates who have qualified the written Examination of Indian Engineering Services 1991;

(b) whether the U.P.S.C. propose to conduct interview again for those candidates who did not get interview letters in time or got it after the expiry of the interview date;

(c) the action likely to be taken against the administrative officers who are responsible for it; and

(d) the reasons for not publishing the roll numbers and date of the interview in the newspapers prior to the start of the interview?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Union Public Services Commission has been sending letters intimating the date (s) of personality test to the candidates qualifying in the written part of the Indian Engineering Services Examination, 1991, by Registered A.D. post well in advance So far no candidate has intimated late receipt of call letters for the personality test to the Commission. However, if any such case comes to the notice of the Commission, it would take steps to accommodate the request of such candidates for interview at a subsequent date.

(c) In view of the position stated above, the question of taking action against any officer does not arise.

(d) It is not possible to do so due to administrative reasons.

Drinking Water Scheme

5535. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: